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SB 2208-78 RELATING TO EXCEPTIONAL TREES

Statement for the
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SB 2208 would amend HRS Chapter 58 to add a new section setting a time limit to certain actions by the counties in response to the present prescriptions regarding the protection of exceptional trees. This statement on the bill does not reflect an institutional position of the University.

A law has no effect unless and until it is implemented. It seems quite appropriate that a time limit be set to the response of the counties to the exceptional tree protection law. We suggest, however, that the time limit should apply, not merely to the establishment of the county arborist commissions and the promulgation of the regulations, but to the implementation of the regulations.